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1. Japanese patent publication no. 2000-180170A. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

2. Japanese patent publication no. 62-255815A. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

3. Japanese patent publication no. 08-201059A. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

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